

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on March 16, 2007 at 11:30 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Edith Clark (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 118, HB 7, HB 603, HB 638, HB 574
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 118

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:05 Sen. John Cobb (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 118,
Eliminate sunset for hospital bed tax.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:31 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association

[EXHIBIT\(aph56b01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph56b02\)](#)

00:07:17 Mike Foster, St. Vincent Hospital, St. James Hospital,
Wheatland Memorial Hospital, Holy Rosary Hospital

00:08:36 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:40 Rep. Kasten

00:11:04 Sen. Cobb

00:11:41 Bob Olsen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:59 Sen. Cobb

00:14:15 Break

HEARING ON HB 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:15 Rep. Dave Kasten (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB
7, Reclamation and development grants.

[EXHIBIT\(aph56b03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph56b04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:11 Ray Beck, Administrator, Conservation Resource
Development, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)

00:21:03 Janie Doggett, Commissioner, Meagher County

[EXHIBIT\(aph56b05\)](#)

00:21:32 Joy Short, District Administrator, Meagher County
Conservation District

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:22:02 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:21 Rep. Morgan

00:23:47 Rep. Kasten

00:23:56 Rep. Taylor

00:25:19 Rep. Hollenbaugh

00:25:44 Ms. Duncan

00:27:03 Rep. Sesso

00:32:01 Ms. Duncan

00:33:32 Rep. Sesso

00:35:58 Mr. Beck

00:36:14 Rep. Hollenbaugh

00:36:46 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information Center

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:27 Rep. Kasten

HEARING ON HB 603

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:39:00 Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB 603, Authorize and fund community-based family literacy.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:05 Steve Yeakel, Montana Advocates for Children

00:43:33 Olivia Riutta, Working for Equity and Liberation (WEEL)

00:44:19 Jani McCall, Montana Children's Initiative

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:44:58 Hank Hudson, Department of Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:17 Rep. Witte

00:47:49 Mr. Hudson

00:48:14 Rep. Sinrud

00:48:54 Ms. Riutta
00:49:53 Rep. Sinrud
00:54:37 Rep. Small-Eastman
00:55:22 Rep. Sinrud
00:56:12 Mr. Yeakel

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:45 Rep. Small-Eastman

HEARING ON HB 638

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:59:21 Rep. Bob Bergren (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 638, State funding for family planning.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:00:39 Karen Sloan, Nurse Practitioner, Hill County Family Planning, Havre; Chair, Montana Family Planning Council

[EXHIBIT \(aph56b06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph56b07\)](#)

01:06:01 Stephanie McDowell, Associate Director, Bridger Clinic, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT \(aph56b08\)](#)

01:09:01 Brittney Morris, Clinic Manager, Planned Parenthood, Great Falls

[EXHIBIT \(aph56b09\)](#)

01:11:34 Kathy Wehri, Planned Parenthood Services, Helena

[EXHIBIT \(aph56b10\)](#)

01:13:49 Jamie Paul, Director, Health Promotion and Family Services, Butte-Silver Bow Health Department

[EXHIBIT \(aph56b11\)](#)

01:15:57 Joan Van Duynhoven, Nurse Midwife, Butte-Silver Bow Family Planning Clinic

[EXHIBIT \(aph56b12\)](#)

01:18:25 Rebecca Dockter, Attorney, State of Montana

01:20:49 Meghan Trainor, concerned citizen

01:22:44 Suzanne Nybow, Helena citizen

01:24:26 Rose Tocke, citizen

01:24:43 Jennifer Hill-Hart, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

[EXHIBIT \(aph56b13\)](#)

01:25:07 Olivia Riutta, WEEL

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:34 Rep. Taylor
01:25:55 Rep. Bergren
01:26:58 Ms. Sloan
01:27:32 Rep. Morgan
01:29:52 Rep. Bergren
01:34:34 Ms. Sloan
01:35:15 Rep. Witte
01:40:56 Ms. Sloan
01:41:30 Rep. Kasten
01:41:51 Ms. Sloan
01:41:53 Rep. Sesso
01:43:15 Ms. Paul
01:44:12 Rep. Sesso
01:44:16 Ms. Sloan
01:45:57 Rep. Hollenbaugh
01:46:29 Staci Anderson, Planned Parenthood
01:47:29 Rep. Franklin
01:49:57 Ms. Sloan
01:50:47 Rep. Jayne
01:52:22 Ms. Sloan
01:52:26 Rep. Beck
01:54:04 Ms. Sloan
01:54:30 Rep. Wells
01:58:22 Ms. Sloan
01:59:03 Rep. Sinrud
02:01:52 Ms. Sloan
02:03:09 Rep. Sinrud
02:03:40 Rep. Bergren
02:03:47 Rep. Franklin
02:04:49 Ms. Sloan

Closing by Sponsor:

02:05:42 Rep. Bergren
02:07:36 Break

HEARING ON HB 574**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

03:12:14 Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D), HD 85, opened the hearing on HB 574, Assist Deer Lodge in rebuilding Rialto theater.

EXHIBIT (aph56b14)

EXHIBIT (aph56b15)

Proponents' Testimony:

03:16:20 Rep. John Ward, HD 84
03:17:41 Sen. Dave Lewis, SD 62
03:19:31 Sen. Jesse Laslovich, SD 43
03:20:40 Former Sen. Tom Beck
03:21:37 Jim Magone, Mayor, City of Deer Lodge
03:22:18 Steve Owens, Rialto Community Theater, Deer Lodge
03:24:29 Lee Jewell, Member of Rialto Theater Board

[EXHIBIT \(aph56b16\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph56b17\)](#)

03:29:06 Matt Blair, Deer Lodge student

[EXHIBIT \(aph56b18\)](#)

03:29:46 Alaina Doiron, Deer Lodge student
03:31:11 Gayle Mizner, Board of Directors, Rialto Theater
03:34:40 Ron Mjelde, Deer Lodge citizen

[EXHIBIT \(aph56b19\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

03:37:36 Rolene Schliesman, Architectural Historian, Montana
State Historical Preservation

[EXHIBIT \(aph56b20\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:39:24 Rep. Hawk
03:41:51 Mr. Jewell
03:42:17 Rep. Beck
03:45:02 Mr. Owens
03:45:23 Rep. Wells
03:46:08 Rep. Hiner
03:46:46 Rep. Wells
03:47:11 Ms. Schliesman
03:47:47 Rep. Kasten
03:48:33 Ms. Schliesman
03:49:17 Rep. Ripley
03:49:49 Mr. Blair

Closing by Sponsor:

03:51:07 Rep. Hiner

Additional Exhibits:

Pertaining to 3/13/07 Hearing on HB 637; from Revenue Department
[EXHIBIT \(aph56b21\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:24 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph56bad.pdf](#))